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SUBJECT: GECAMINES EXPANSION PLANS

REFERENCE: A) LUBUMBASHI A-49, DECEMBER 18, 1973

B) JUNIOR-NEWLIN LETTER OF DECEMBER 13, 1973

1. RECENT GECAMINES TOP PERSONNEL CHANGES, IN ADDITION TO NAMING OF UMBA AS DIRECTOR GENERAL (REFAIR) COULD PRESAGE FURTHER TURN AWAY FROM BELGIAN-SUPPLIER ORIENTATION AND TOWARD US SOURCES.

2. USUALLY WELL INFORMED INSIDERS BELIEVE THAT RECENT PROMOTIONS OF ROBERT CREM AND M. KVAPIL ARE INDICATIVE OF UMBA'S DETERMINATION TO RELY FURTHER ON AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY. CREM AND KVAPIL LEFT QUIETLY LAST WEEK FOR US WHERE REPORTEDLY THEY WILL CONSULT: A) STEACS-ROGERS OF DENVER IN RE POSSIBLE REHABILITATION OF REPLACEMENT OF FOUR CASCADE MILLS AT KOLWEZI WHICH HAVE BEEN CAUSING TROUBLE,
B) SCIENTIFIC SOFTWARE INCORPORATED OF DENVER FOR POSSIBLE CONTRACT COMPUTERIZING

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BULK OF GECAMINES ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS,

AND

C) BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FOR POSSIBLE
ASSISTANCE CONCERNING LONG-RUMORED
SHIFTING OF POWER DAM NEAR KOLWEZI.

CREM AND KVAPIL ARE BOTH KNOWN TO CONSULATE AS
LONG

RESTIVE UNDER CLOSE COMPANY TIES WITH BELGIUM
THROUGH SGM WHICH THEY CONSIDER MAKE GECAMINES FAR
LESS COST BENEFICIAL THAN IT SHOULD BE.

3. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED BY GECAMINES FOR MEETING AFTER
MIDDLE JANUARY TO DISCUSS FIRST OF TENDERS IN NEW
EXPANSION PROGRAM.

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